

Ivybridge Community College

Career of the Week



Spring Term

Job Title: Firefighter

Salary: £28,000 - £42,000 (experienced)

Working Hours: 42 - 48 hours per week. You may be required to work evenings, weekends, bank holidays, shifts. Each local Fire Service sets their own entry requirements. You could work in a station, in homes and businesses. Your work may be emotionally and physically demanding and you may need to work at height. You will need to wear safety clothing and a uniform.

How Can I Get There? / Routes of Entry:

- Sixth Form
- College (Diploma in Protective / Public Services)
- Apprenticeship (Operational Firefighter Level 3)
- Forces

Local Providers:

- Ivybridge Community College and other local Sixth Forms
- City College, Plymouth
- Duchy College

Skills Required:

- Knowledge of public safety and security
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Excellent verbal communication skills – you may give presentations in schools
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- Sensitivity and understanding
- The ability to work well with in a team
- Physical fitness and endurance (you will need to pass a fitness and medical test)
- Have a full driving license

Local Employers:

- Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
- Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service
- Royal Air Force

Progression:

You get into this role via becoming an 'On-Call Firefighter', where you have an everyday job and get released by your employer when alerted via your pager. With experience, you could become a Watch, Station or Area Manager. A Chief Fire Officer is the highest rank in the UK Fire and Rescue Service.